

MAYOR OF FELIXSTOWE CHARITY FUND

England & Wales · Charity number 1184138

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2019-06-27

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: FOR THE BENEFIT OF SUCH CHARITABLE PURPOSE OR PURPOSES ACCORDING TO THE LAWS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, OR SUCH CHARITABLE ORGANISATION, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE RESIDENTS OF FELIXSTOWE AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL DECIDE.

Activities: Raising funds for two chosen local charities via the Mayor

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Suffolk

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-05-31	£50,187	£41,614	-	-
2024-05-31	£26,683	£26,015	-	-
2023-05-31	£26,005	£24,091	-	-
2022-05-31	£20,833	£12,574	-	-
2021-05-31	£349	£312	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Michael Sharman	Chair	2025-03-18
Michael Deacon		2023-05-17
Seamus Bennett		2023-05-17

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Report of the Trustees of the Mayor of Felixstowe Charity Fund

For the Year ended 31st May 2025

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity Number: 1184138

Registered Office

Town Hall
Felixstowe
IP11 2AG

Trustees:

- Cllr Michael Sharman
- Cllr Mike Deacon
- Cllr Seamus Bennett

All trustees serve in a voluntary capacity.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Mayor of Felixstowe Charity Fund is controlled by its governing document, the Constitution dated 26th June 2019.

Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting.

OBJECTIVES AND AIMS

The charity's objects ('The objects') are:

For the benefit of such charitable purpose or purposes according to the laws of England and Wales, or such charitable organisation, in particular but not exclusively for the benefit of the residents of Felixstowe as the trustees shall decide.

To fulfil its objects, the work of the charity focuses on raising funds and enhancing the profile of the chosen charities for each Mayoral year.

REVIEW of 2024/25

The Mayor of Felixstowe Charity Fund was formed in June 2019 to administer funds raised by the Mayor in each municipal year.

In the civic year 2024/25, Cllr David Rowe as Mayor raised funds for his two nominated organisations which were:

- **Breast Friends CIC** Company No: **14063210**

The organisation's mission is to connect people affected by breast cancer.

- **Landguard and Felixstowe Conservation Trust** Charity No: **1198844**

Promoting conservation protection and improvement of Landguard Point.

Event Fundraisers Included:

Palace Cinema Felixstowe Remembers War Time Past
Bargain Hunt
Barn Dance
Boogie Bingo
Book sales
Italian Night
La Vida Musical Night
Quiz Night
Fashion Show
Curry Night
Mayor's Charity Ball
Civic event collections and donations

Amongst the various successful events, the Fashion Show and Bargain Hunt were particularly well received, demonstrating a strong community support.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Income	£35852.67	(2024: £26682.65)
Expenditure	£ 11081.42	(2024: £326014.84)

The accounts have been reviewed and signed by a MAAT-qualified independent examiner.

Funds are distributed equally to the two nominated charities once all fundraising activities are complete for the Mayoral year.

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aim and objectives and in planning future activities. The fundraising of the charity provide direct benefits to local organisations that support the Felixstowe community, helping services that might otherwise struggle for funding. The selection of recipient charities each year ensures that a broad range of social, health and welfare needs are supported, improving the lives of residents across the town.

TRUSTEE REPORT

In order to fulfil its objects, the work of the Charity focuses on raising funds and the profile of the chosen charities for that Mayoral year.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees recognise the importance of risk management and the organisation will be undertaking a wide ranging governance review during the forthcoming year as part of this process.

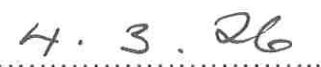
PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Since the formation of the Mayor of Felixstowe Charity Fund in May 2019, the pandemic during 2020/21, and the ongoing cost of living crisis have reinforced the importance of supporting local charities. The Trustees will continue to focus on raising funds and increasing the visibility of charities that provide the greatest impact to the Felixstowe community.

In approving this Annual Report the Trustees declare that there were no serious incidents or other matters relating to the charity over the financial year that should have been brought to the attention of the Charity Commission

Signed.....

Signed.....

Date.....

Date.....

MAYOR OF FELIXSTOWE CHARITY FUND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

	Total
Income:	£35852.67
Less Expenditure:	£11081.42
Net movement in funds for the year	£24771.25

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REVIEW OF 2023/24

The Mayor of Felixstowe Charity Fund was formed in June 2019 to administer funds raised by the Mayor in each municipal year.

In the civic year 2023/24, Cllr Seamus Bennett as Mayor of Felixstowe, raised funds for the following four nominated charities:

- **National Coastwatch Institution** – Charity number: 1159975
- **Felixstowe Volunteer Coast Patrol & Rescue Services** – Charity number: 1082443

- **Boost Felixstowe Ltd** – Charity number: 1083875
- **Pushchair Pitstop** – Charity number: 1135596 (operating as part of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Felixstowe, St John the Baptist with St Edmund)

Fundraising Events Included:

- Quiz Night
- Fashion Show
- Curry Night
- Boost Concert
- NCI Heritage Open Day
- Pitstop Mania
- Auction of Promises
- Boat Pull / Disco
- Sponsored Coast to Coast Bike Ride
- Mayor's Charity Ball
- Civic event collections and donations

Amongst the various successful events, the Fashion Show and Mayor's Charity Ball were particularly well received, demonstrating strong community support, and pledges from the sponsored bike ride exceeded £7,000.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

- **Income:** £26,682.65
- **Expenditure:** £26,014.84
- **Net movement in funds for the year:** £667.81

The Trustees note that, due to increased charitable fundraising activities, the charity once again exceeded the £25,000 threshold for audit. As such, the accounts have been reviewed and signed by an MAAT-qualified independent examiner.

Funds were distributed equally to the four nominated charities once all fundraising activities were settled.

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. The fundraising efforts of the charity provide direct benefits to local organisations that support the Felixstowe community, helping services that might otherwise struggle for funding. The selection of recipient charities each year ensures that a broad range of social, health, and welfare needs are supported, improving the lives of residents across the town.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees recognise the importance of risk management and acknowledge that there is a need to develop a more structured approach to identifying and mitigating risks. Areas of potential risk include financial oversight, governance, event-related liabilities, and maintaining public trust. Going forward, the Trustees will work towards implementing a more formal risk assessment process.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Since the formation of the Mayor of Felixstowe Charity Fund in May 2019, the pandemic during 2020/21 and the ongoing cost of living crisis have reinforced the importance of supporting local charities. The Trustees will continue to focus on raising funds and increasing the visibility of charities that provide the greatest impact to the Felixstowe community.

In approving this Annual Report the Trustees declare that there were no serious incidents or other matters relating to the charity over the financial year that should have been brought to the attention of the Charity Commission. However the Trustees acknowledge that the accounts for the year 2022-23 were inadvertently submitted late due to an administrative oversight. The Trustees have taken steps to address this and ensure that accounts are submitted in a timely manner in future.

Signed



Date

18.3.25

Mayor of Felixstowe Charity Fund

EXAMINATION CERTIFICATE FOR THE CHARITY ACCOUNTS

Charity No: 1184138

Year Ending 31st May 2024

I have examined the accounts comprising the Charity accounts together with all the relevant supporting documents and have obtained all the necessary information and explanation relating to these accounts.

I certify that the final accounts present an accurate picture of the activities and transactions undertaken on behalf of the Charity.

Signed: 

Independent Examiner - *CLIVE BURY (MAAT)*

Date - *14/3/2025*

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REVIEW OF 2022/23

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In the civic year 2022/23, Cllr Sharon Harkin, as Mayor of Felixstowe, raised funds for the following three nominated charities:

- **Felixstowe Opportunity Group** (Charity number: 1004101)
- **The League of Friends of Felixstowe Community Hospital** (Charity number: 273155)

- **The Compass** (Charity number: 1195270)

Fundraising events included:

- Fish and Chip Quiz Night
- Murder Mystery Evenings
- Fashion Show
- Curry Night
- Auction of Promises
- Every Woman Counts Evening
- Mayor's Charity Ball
- Civic event collections and donations

Amongst the various successes were the Fashion Show, the Auction of Promises and the Mayor's Charity Ball, which received a great deal of support, reflecting a full year of fundraising since the pandemic.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Statement of Financial Activities, including Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31st May 2023 attached.

- **Income:** £26,004.88
- **Expenditure:** £24,090.94
- **Net movement in funds for the year:** £1,913.94

The Trustees note that, due to increased charitable fundraising activities, the charity exceeded the £25,000 threshold for audit. As such, the accounts have been reviewed and signed by an MAAT-qualified independent examiner.

The funds raised were distributed equally among the three nominated charities, each receiving £5,770 (in July 2023).

TRUSTEE REPORT

To fulfil its objectives, the Charity focuses on raising funds and increasing awareness of the chosen charities for the Mayoral year. The success of fundraising events this year highlights the generosity of the local community and the continued need for financial support among local charities.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Since the formation of the Mayor of Felixstowe Charity Fund in 2019, the challenges presented by the pandemic in 2020/21 and the ongoing cost of living crisis have increased the need for charitable support within the community. The Charity remains committed to selecting

beneficiaries that have the greatest impact on the local area and continue to engage the community in fundraising efforts.

In approving this Annual Report the Trustees declare that there were no serious incidents or other matters relating to the charity over the financial year that should have been brought to the attention of the Charity Commission.

Signed 




Date 18/3/2025

Mayor of Felixstowe Charity Fund

EXAMINATION CERTIFICATE FOR THE CHARITY ACCOUNTS

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Year Ending 31st May 2023

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I certify that the final accounts present an accurate picture of the activities and transactions undertaken on behalf of the Charity.

Signed: 

Independent Examiner - CLIVE BURY (MAAT)

Date - 6/3/2025